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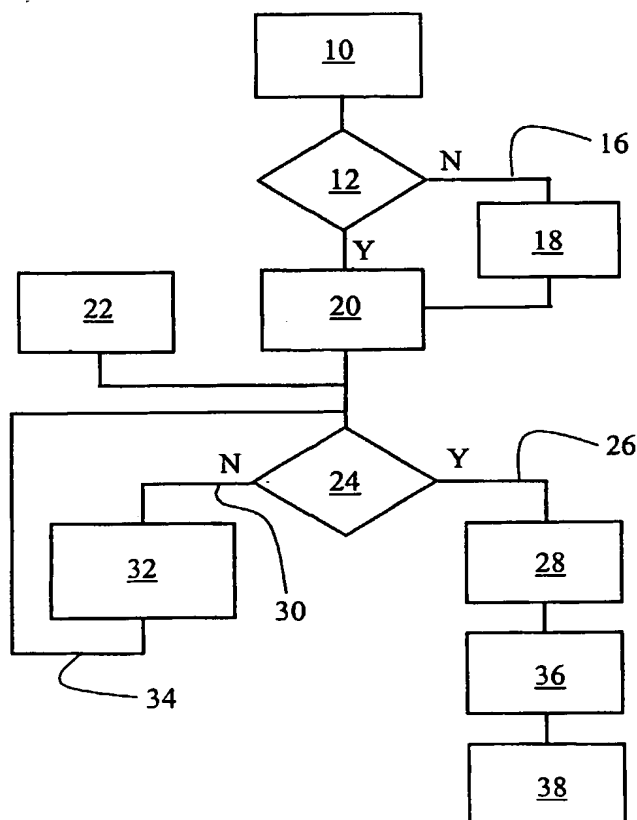
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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STORING AND RETRIEVING ITEMS



(57) Abstract: The invention provides a method and apparatus for storing and retrieving items, the method comprising: grouping the items into one or more groups of the items; recording the content of each of the groups; comparing a batch of one or more orders for the items with the recorded content of the groups in order to locate a matching group from the groups that matches the batch or orders; and retrieving the matching group in order to fill the batch of orders.

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